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ILMS. "Sheffield" has been ordered to Belize (British Honduras), a Foreign Office spokesman said today. The cruiser was ordered there while she was paying a courtesy visit to Cartagena, Colombia.

"We believe there is the possibility of an incident by irresponsible elements operating from Guatemalan territory," the spokesman said.

He made it clear, however, that the British Government expected such "irresponsible elements" to act and not the Guatemalan Government.

The spokesman said the excitement was caused by the recent violent Guatemalan press attack renewing the claims of the Falkland Islands being referred to the International Court at The Hague before any further action could be taken.

Rejecting a suggestion that the dispute should be brought before the United Nations Security Council, Mr. Bevin said that "people cannot go on interfering with British territory and then as a result of kicking up a row expect us to go to the Security Council."

Chile had suggested that the British offer to accept the opinion of the Court was not a fair one because it was asking the other party to appear as plaintiffs.

The sole reason for presenting the matter in this form, however, was that neither the Argentine nor Chile had accepted the optional clause of the Statute of the International Court of Justice. Consequently, it was impossible at present for the British Government to bring the dispute before the Court by themselves proceeding as plaintiffs.

When Mr. Anthony Eden suggested that a protest should be made against the landing of foreigners, contrary to the Falkland Islands legislation, the Foreign Secretary said: "I will certainly look into it."—Reuter.

"Comic Opera"

Washington, Feb. 25.

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Mr. Bevin

London, Feb. 25. Argentine has told Britain that the Argentine vessels around Deception Island, had no intention of asserting any right or taking possession of any territory, was imposed in Mr. De Valera's autumn austerity budget.

A pint of beer will drop from 1/2d to 1d, 20 Cigarettes from 2d to 1/8d (tobacco, 6d per ounce less).—Reuter.

DUTIES TO GO

London, Feb. 26.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, who gave this fact to the House of Commons today, insisted on the rival claims in

If all the cigarettes paying duty in 1947 were placed end to end, they would stretch for 48,116 miles, or about twice round the earth.

The total, 1,874,630,400, weighed about 1,535 tons. If lit at the same time this collective fog has been calculated to illuminate the Peak more effectively than the worst fog.

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POLICE DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

Variety At The China Fleet Club

The serviceman in Hong

Kong has greatly missed the entertainments provided by Combined Services Entertainments, whose activities have been curtailed in the Far East by the need for economy.

Necessity was ever the mother of invention, variety programme at the China Fleet Club Theatre. The programme commences at 8.00 p.m. and is likely to last for two hours.

All members of the services in the Colony, accompanied by their wives and sweethearts, are invited to attend.

News has also been received that a C.S.E. Show—probably the last to visit the Colony—will arrive in the "Dilwara" on March 5. The show is entitled "It's a date with the Gibson Sisters and 'Buddy', introducing Vico Wilson. The show is scheduled to play at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, March 10 and 11. Outlying units will probably see this company on March 8, 9 and 12.

TIME LIMIT EXTENDED

The public were informed in a press notice issued in October 1947 that the Chinese Government had fixed Dec. 31, 1947, as the time limit for the submission of claims by allied companies and individuals to property in China, which was under Japanese or Puppet control during the War.

The Chinese Government has now extended the time limit for six months until June 30, 1948.

Claims supported by documentary evidence should be submitted to the Alien Property Liquidation Department of the Central Trust of China at Shantou.

Owing to repairs being necessary, Stanley Police Station has temporarily been removed, until further notice, to the Godown on the seaward side of Stanley Village Road, opposite St. Stephen's College.

The tragedy at Queen Victoria Street on Dec. 22, 1947, when a 13-year-old Chinese girl was killed and several other persons injured when the verandah of 82 Des Voeux Road Central collapsed after an E.U. vehicle allegedly collided with a pillar, had its sequel at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when the trial of Ricardo Santos, on a charge of manslaughter, commenced before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

Santos, in the Canteen.

Sgt. C. J. de Souza said that between 1 and 2 p.m. on Dec. 22, he handed duty slip to PCC Pereira, who was detailed for duty at the General Post Office at 2 p.m. He gave no permission for anyone to take any vehicle from the Police Compound.

In answer to Mr. Bernacchi Souza asserted that he did not know that constables often asked to be given a lift to their points of duty.

"Excited"

Sgt. Inspector Frank Pensold said that he was in charge of the Emergency Unit at Central on Dec. 22, 1947. At about 12.50 p.m. he called for a driver to take a small van to the Queen Mary Hospital. Santos came out from the Reserve Room and volunteered to drive. Witness said that he declined the offer and told Santos that he did not want an accident with the E.U. vehicle. Santos appeared to be excited. If he had appeared normal, witness would have allowed him to drive the van.

Uniformed Police Officers were not allowed to drive the large E.U. vehicles.

Pensold said that he did not give any instructions to anybody to drive the large vehicle. There were two E.U. vehicles at Central at that time. The large one was provided with a searchlight and loudspeaker. There were three civilian drivers and four uniformed drivers at Central, the latter only being allowed to drive the small van.

Under cross-examination, Pensold declared that there was always one civilian driver on duty. He did not notice any on the day of the accident.

No Licence

Witness said that he was not aware that Santos was in possession of a licence to drive all Police vehicles. He knew that the men were taught by Inspector Reynolds to drive a thirteen-ton lorry and that they took their tests in that type of lorry.

There was nothing laid down to the effect that Santos could not drive the large E.U. vehicle.

PCC F. de F. Pereira said that he was on reserve at Central Police Station on Dec. 22, 1947. At about 1.45 p.m. he was sent for by Sgt. Souza, who gave him orders to report for duty at the General Post Office. No time was mentioned. Pereira said that he usually walked to his point of duty.

Santos, who had apparently overheard Sgt. Souza giving instructions, offered to give witness lift. As the vehicle which Santos was driving began to proceed down the ramp, the rear wheel struck some object and the vehicle tilted to one side. Pereira said that immediately on his feeling the shock, he jumped out.

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Pereira said that he did not ask for lift. On many occasions, drivers would take E.U. men to their posts. Sometimes they would run down on special trips to take a man on duty with permission of the Inspector or Sergeant.

Hearing was adjourned till 9.30 a.m. today, when the Court and jury will visit the scene of the accident and will traverse the route taken by Santos while driving the E.U. vehicle.

It is the intention of the Urban Council to exhume the remains of the deceased person buried in a grave and contain in a casket deposited by NUFFIELD MOTORS LTD. (Diamond Hill) and to re-inter them in the New Town Cemetery, No. 10, Diamond Hill.

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Before The Footlights

Cheerful news comes from the Stage Club and the European "Y" ADC who, between them will have three shows running between early March and late April.

The first will be the Inn Hay—Stephen King Hall comedy—"The Middle Watch." This has all the qualifications of a good comedy. It contains a definite story told in humorous lines which laugh all the way to prove that love conquers over all and this time, the British Navy!

Nan and Jim McCloud fill two of the five star roles sharing with Joan Harmon-Fisher, Alice Linton and Arnold Graham. Bob Leigh and Phyllis Kirby, a baby star in the old days of the "Y" pantomimes, should not find the footlights strange. Completing the cast are: Freddie Clemo, Peter Paearie, Audrey Lovegreen, Harry Moody and others.

"Whodunit"

On the production floor of the Stage Club is being assembled J. B. Priestley's intellectual thriller, "Dangerous Corner" with Clifford Davies as the maestro. The drama possesses a fascinating appeal with its typically Priestley technique in the treatment of the "whodunit" suspense. The cast promises much with Reinaldo Olitano and Dorothy Cobbe in the leads, with supports by Sylvia Small, Dorothy Revile (her first "big part"), Margaret Olitano (yet unseen) and Peter Gregory among others. The curtain rises on the first performance around Easter.

Yet in the paper stage, J. Hartley Manners' "Peg O' My Heart" is the "Y" ADC's next venture which is expected with the first air of Spring.

Moole Terry equipped with the art learned in last summer's gruelling one-act plays should be a credit to the difficult part of "Peg."—Kimberley"

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The following donations, received since publication of the last list, are gratefully acknowledged:—Len Maud \$10; Flo, Rob, Bon & Birdie \$25; H. Rose \$20; Mrs. F. Wong & Family \$10; Ted, Marin & Margaret \$25; Mrs. Passmore & Dudley \$10; Mr. & Mrs. H. Gitting \$10; Mrs. Irene Fletcher \$10; Winnie & Joe \$10; Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Pass \$25; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. C. Low \$10 (In Memory of the late Mrs. Almea White); Anonymous \$20; Mr. L. A. French \$16; Kowloon Cricket Club \$25; Mr. L. A. French \$16; Anthonymus \$20 and Mrs. Doris Wood \$20. Total to date \$24,294.50 (Target \$150,000).

Seven Years Hard For Robbing Hikers

The crime with which you have been found guilty is a very serious one indeed. Crimes like this, where people set out on picnics and are attacked by robbers must be dealt with severely and stamped out."

These remarks were made yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), when he sentenced Chan On, Wan Kam-choi and Cheung Ping-leung to seven years hard labour and 15 strokes of the cane, respectively.

The accused, together with another not in custody, were found guilty by a jury on a charge of having robbed Miss Ramona Maher, an 18-year-old Portuguese girl, of her wrist watch.

The incident took place on the morning of Nov. 23, 1947, when a party of three adults and four children were picnicking on the hillside near the Ming-Yuen Reservoir.

At about 11.20 a.m. four Chinese males, who had been walking about in the neighbourhood, came up to the picnickers.

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Carrying over 500 displaced Chinese destined for Singapore and other points in Southeast Asia, the International Refugee Organisation's repatriation vessel s.s. "Hai Lee" will leave Hong Kong today en route from Foochow.

Personalia

Arrivals—at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included Mr. P. Yamamoto and Mr. W. Jongeneel. Departures included M/Sgt. S. Alander and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Duncan. Departures from the Hong Kong Hotel included Mr. A. H. Bleeding.

Arrivals at the Repulse Bay Hotel yesterday included Capt. B. E. Bidwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cochran, Mrs. H. A. Mason, Edwin McDermott, an IRO official. He went to Foochow sometime ago to co-operate with the Foochow office of the IRO in arranging the present shipment and escorting the vessel to Hong Kong.

The 500 odd displaced persons have been carefully screened.

On its way to Singapore, the vessel will stop at Holoway to take on an additional 300 displaced Chinese there. Mr. John Fitz-Randolph, of the Canton Sub-Office of IRO, is already in Holoway making the necessary arrangements. He will escort the vessel to Singapore.

Exhibition Of Painting

A private showing of artistic works and calligraphy by Mr. Kim-Shek Kan was given last evening in the lounge of the St. Francis Hotel in aid of the General Hospital of the Poor in Canton.

The exhibition, which from to-day will be open to the public until March 1, is made up of 100 paintings of outdoor scenes, and intricately worked scripts.

Mr. Kan is well known in Chinese artistic circles as a painter and collector. He has travelled to most cities and areas of the country in this connection and has made a lifelong study of Chinese art and literature. All the works on view at the showing have been contributed by Mr. Kan with a view to collecting funds for the hospital.

The Belgian Government have agreed in principle to extend to British subjects, who suffered loss or damage to property in Belgium, the benefits accruing to Belgians under Belgian legislation governing compensation for war damage. Residents in Hong Kong who wish to register claims are asked to notify the Colonial Secretary as soon as possible who will advise them on the procedure to be followed.

Forced to land at Kuching last Sunday owing to a shortage of petrol, the plane was detained by the Chinese air authorities until Wednesday when it was allowed to leave on instructions from Nanking.

While landing at Kunming, the aircraft's undercarriage was slightly damaged but was repaired during its detention there.

Among passengers arriving in the Colony on Wednesday by CPA from Rangoon and Bangkok were Mr. C. D. Britto from Manila, Messrs. Francisco Way-Jones, Chong Lu, Wong Law and Au Fung; from Bangkok, Messrs. Chan Bark Deng and Mrs. Pratilin; from Singapore en route to Manila, Mr. E. J. Johnson and Miss Martin Dale.

"Y's" MEN'S CLUB MEETING

A year of satisfactory progress, marked by an increase of membership and regular meetings, was reported at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Y's Men's Club, held on the premises of the Chinese Catholic Club yesterday evening.

The outgoing President, Mr. K. S. Pung, said of the social service side they had established two Girls Club (one in Hong Kong and one in Kowloon) which had proved to be very popular.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

District Governor: Mr. Ho Shiu-keung; President: Mr. Lam Chik-suen; 1st Vice-President: Mr. T. Y. Li; 2nd Vice-President: Mr. W. W. Hsia; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. Y. Wei; Hon. Secretary: Y. P. Wan; Directors: Messrs. Wong Kuan-ying, V. W. Weinberger, Frank Kwok, Y. O. Lee, Albert Tse and K. S. Pung (ex officio).

THE WHISKERS CLUB

When the Whiskers Club was founded in 1938, it was a small group of 12 members. It has since grown to 100 members and is now one of the most popular social clubs in Hong Kong. The club is open to all men who are interested in the welfare of the Chinese people and in the promotion of friendly relations between the Chinese and the British.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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holders of the Corporation will
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the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road
Central, Hongkong, on Friday
the 5th day of March, 1948, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the reports of the
Directors and of the Profit and
Loss Account and Balance
Sheet for the year ended 31st
December, 1947, and for the
election of Directors and the
appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of
the Corporation will be closed
from Friday, the 20th February
to Friday the 5th March, 1948
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By Order of the Board,
A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1948.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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ing of Shareholders will be held
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Kong, on Friday, 27th February,
1948, at 12.00 NOON, for the
purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors, together with a
Statement of Accounts for the
Year ended 31st December, 1947,
and for the election of Directors
and the appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that the Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
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ing which period no Transfer
of Shares can be registered.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1948.

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Company will be held at the
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Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wed-
nesday, the 17th day of March,
1948, at Noon, to receive the
Report of the Board of Directors
and Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 4th
March, 1948, to the 17th March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1948.
C. E. TERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

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that the Court has, by virtue of
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dinance, 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
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T. S. D. WHITLEY,
Secretary, Urban Council.

Hongkong, 26th Feb., 1948.

URBAN COUNCIL

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the
intention of the Urban Council
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deceased persons buried in
graves and contained in urns
deposited on N.K.L. Hill,
Diamond Hill, and to robbery
in New Kowloon Cemetery
No. 8 (Urn Cemetery) at
Diamond Hill on the expiry of
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Hongkong, 26th Feb., 1948.

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

26th February, 1948.

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HARBOUR TUNNEL DELAY

Under a programme doubtless dignified with the description Long Term Planning the scheme for constructing a cross-harbour tunnel is apparently to be postponed for at least twelve years. Which appears to mean that the buck is being passed to the heirs and successors of the present incumbents in office, and that a nice large pigeonhole has been selected for safe storage.

About this, there is, of course, nothing which could be regarded as untypical. It is a long job and a heavy job and nobody particularly wants the handling of it. Whether that is altogether satisfactory, except maybe to the operating ferry companies, is quite another matter. Certainly it will not assure Mr. Citizen, who paid serious attention to the press interview given by His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham in Nanking last year, that there is any real intention by Government to proceed with this project however desirable, and however much it might justify, be regarded as warranting energetic pursuit.

That the scheme is practical and a sound economic proposition has been demonstrated by an offer by certain interests in the Colony to float a company and undertake the construction in return for a concession to collect the tolls for a period of years. That it is needed hardly calls for supporting evidence.

That there are difficulties—about siting, about guarantees that the materials will be available when required—must be recognised. The main obstacle, however, appears to be that the tunnel scheme is inevitably linked in the Government's mind with the resumption by the civil authorities of the site of the Royal Naval Dockyard, regarding which no date can be set, and about which there appears to be little optimism in official quarters.

For the tunnel advocates this has little meaning. On the contrary, it can reasonably be urged that the depth of pessimism should provide the degree of drive and initiative in search for an alternative routing of the tunnel which would leave the Naval Yard out of consideration.

There is, in fact, small excuse for postponement. The project is one which eventually will pay for itself: the factor of cost is hardly material. The preliminary work will take up time not to be calculated in anything less than years, and the actual construction would probably take two years.

These are things that should be looked into now, not twelve years hence.

Let's get on with it.

France's Fight

In the short period which has elapsed since the devaluation of the franc, prices in France have continued to rise. The hope with which devaluation in so contentious a form was effected was that the internal price-level would remain stable while France would get more for her exports.

Unhappily, attempts to get the best of both worlds are seldom successful: and the treatment of symptoms is no substitute for eradication of the causes of the disease. It is true that inflation in France did not start with devaluation, but it has continued even in commodities which, being home-produced, devaluation might not have affected.

Naturally alarmed by the rise in prices which, if unchecked, would sabotage their courageous attempts to induce national recovery, the French Government have produced a Bill to deal with another symptom.

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FALL OF MALAYA

PERCIVAL DESPATCH ANALYSED

By Harold Guard

London, Feb. 26.

The curtain dropped on the surrender scene in the tragedy of Singapore on February 15, 1942 was raised today by Lt. Col. Gen. Arthur Ernest Percival with the publication of his official despatch as an epilogue intended to vindicate the traduced defenders of Malaya.

The despatches were first submitted in April 1946. They were referred to the governments of Australia and India, checked and re-checked by various Ministers concerned and the delay in their publication caused controversy in Parliament and the British press reminiscent of the inquest on Gallipoli after the First World War.

The Malaya Campaign, it would appear, has become the Gallipoli of the Second World War with Winston Churchill once more named as the nigger in the woodpile.

True Facts

"Since my return to England from Japanese captivity it has been my constant endeavour to ensure that, in fairness to those who fought in Malaya, the true facts of the story should be told. I gave up some of my leave to work on my despatch which was finished and handed in to the War Office in April 1946. Only with its publication will the clouds of mystery, which have for so long shrouded the Malaya Campaign, be dispersed," Gen. Percival told me in December 1947.

The preparation of the despatch, he said, has been influenced by the fact that since the surrender of Singapore "a great deal of literature has appeared on the subject."

Statements have been made and opinions expressed by writers, many of whom had but a cursory knowledge of Malayan conditions or of factors which influenced decisions.... In fairness to the officers and men who fought in Malaya I ask that those statements, many of them official statements made in this country, may now be corrected," he claims in his despatch.

Ponderous

This ponderous document of 100,000 words leaves no doubt that General Percival knew Malaya and its problems. The first section deals with the period prior to the outbreak of hostilities and all who have analyzed the despatch agree that his appreciation of the situation and his plan of action were beyond criticism. But he treats his subject gently, laying no great emphasis on the difficulties occasioned by the maladjustment of the governmental administrative ma-

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Official despatches compiled by Lt. Col. Gen. A. E. Percival are intended as a challenge to the British War Cabinet's appraisal of the Malaya Campaign, which terminated with the surrender of Singapore on Feb. 15, 1942, condemning the Campaign as "one of the most spectacular disasters to befall British arms."

Harold Guard, who has first-hand knowledge of the Far Eastern War and who reported the Malaya Campaign from the first Japanese landing on December 8, 1941 until the fall of Singapore, herewith reviews the despatches in the light of his own experiences during the campaign.

Singapore defences were "all pointing the wrong way."

As far back as May 1938, Percival discloses, Major Gen. W. G. S. Dobbis, who was G.O.C. Malaya at the time, reported to the War Office: "It is an attack from the northward that I regard as the greatest potential danger.... The jungle is not in most places impassable to infantry."

The tactical appreciation in 1941 was based on this conception and plans were made to occupy South Thailand to circumvent any enemy move in that direction. When hostilities commenced, however, operation of this carefully laid plan was repeatedly postponed, largely for political reasons, until it became too late to make it effective.

The despatches intimate that had this "Operation Matador" been carried out it might well have altered the course of the Malaya Campaign.

The main cause of the British defeat was the lack of naval support, the despatches claim with cold, factual figures which, Percival declares, demonstrate "the lack of readiness of our Empire for war."

Another section is devoted to a very detailed narrative of the land operations during the 70 days hostilities, but its precise, military parlance, typical of the scholarly soldier, does not convey the utter weariness and bewilderment of the defenders, gripped and battered, struggling against a powerful enemy holding complete mastery in the air and on the seas around Malaya. The interest and value of this narrative is also largely lost through the War Office declining to reproduce three sketch maps which General Percival had submitted.

It does, in fact, fall short of the mark in General Percival's aim to effectively challenge the British War Cabinet's appraisal suggesting that a superior British force surrendered to an inferior Japanese force.

No Aid

"The retreat from Mons and the retreat to Dunkirk have been hailed as epics. In the former our Army was able, with the aid of a powerful ally, to turn the tables on the enemy; in the latter our Army was evacuated by the Navy with the loss of all heavy equipment. Each of these retreats lasted approximately three weeks. The retreat in Malaya lasted ten weeks in far more trying conditions. There was no strong ally to help and no Navy to evacuate the force. It has been hailed as a disaster but perhaps the judgment of history will be that all the effort and money expended on the defence of Malaya and the sacrifice and subsequent suffering of those who fought in the Malaya Campaign were not in vain," is as far as the General goes in his effort to vindicate the Malaya defenders.

On the question of relative strengths the despatch only half-heartedly challenges the War Cabinet's appraisal as voiced by Mr. Winston Churchill.

Mr. Churchill is on record as having told a secret session of Parliament: "There were, according to War Office figures, about 100,000 men gathered on the Island of Singapore by the morning of February 3. On the night of February 8 about 5,000 Japanese made a lodgment on the northwest corner of the island and were gradually reinforced from other points until perhaps 30,000 men had been landed."

General Percival's despatch claims that the Japanese employed a minimum of 150,000 men and 300 tanks in the Malaya Campaign and that "the total number of officers and men on the British side was a little over 125,000 though the strength in Malaya at any one time was considerably less than this."

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On the landing on Singapore Island General Percival said: "I estimate that there were at the cessation of hostilities a minimum of 100,000 Japanese in Singapore Island or in South Malaya. How many of these had actually crossed to the Island and how many were on the mainland is not known nor is it very material, but there is evidence to show that at least 23,000 crossed on the first day of the attack.... The total of British forces in the Singapore Fortress area at the same time was in the neighbourhood of 85,000, but probably only about 70,000 of these were armed and equipped.

In official statements made in this country and published in the world press figures very different from these have been given in fairness to the officers and men who fought in Malaya I ask that these statements may now be corrected," General Percival.

The despatch explodes the fallacy that the British Commandant of Singapore had "unconditional" surrender. General Percival claimed, in a "simple straightforward account, but as one commentator observed, 'Percival is too much of a gentleman'"—United Press.

when national discipline is far from being pre-eminent. If the new measure catches "food speculators" as it may, that is all to the good; but it is to be feared that the real trouble in France is

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I understand today is your birthday, Perkins, and as a little token of esteem, I'm returning your lawnmower!"

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By SHEPARD BARCLAY
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North East South West
1 H. Pass 1 S. 1 NT
2 C. 2 D. 2 S. 2 NT
3 S. 3 NT 4 S. Pass
Dbl.

Pretty bad bidding, especially by South, a "bidding fool," and by his partner, who in spite of knowing South's reputation should have considered his vulnerable opponents over their depth, which they were. They didn't have a chance to make the No Trump game. In the 4-Spades, South should have been punished much how should South play for it?

General's Shoot From Hip Speech
Jerusalem, Feb. 26.
He will retire when Britain gives up her mandate on May 15, General Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner for Palestine, announced

General Cunningham told British residents in Jerusalem that what had been achieved by Britain in Palestine would stand and grow to the lasting benefit of the country.

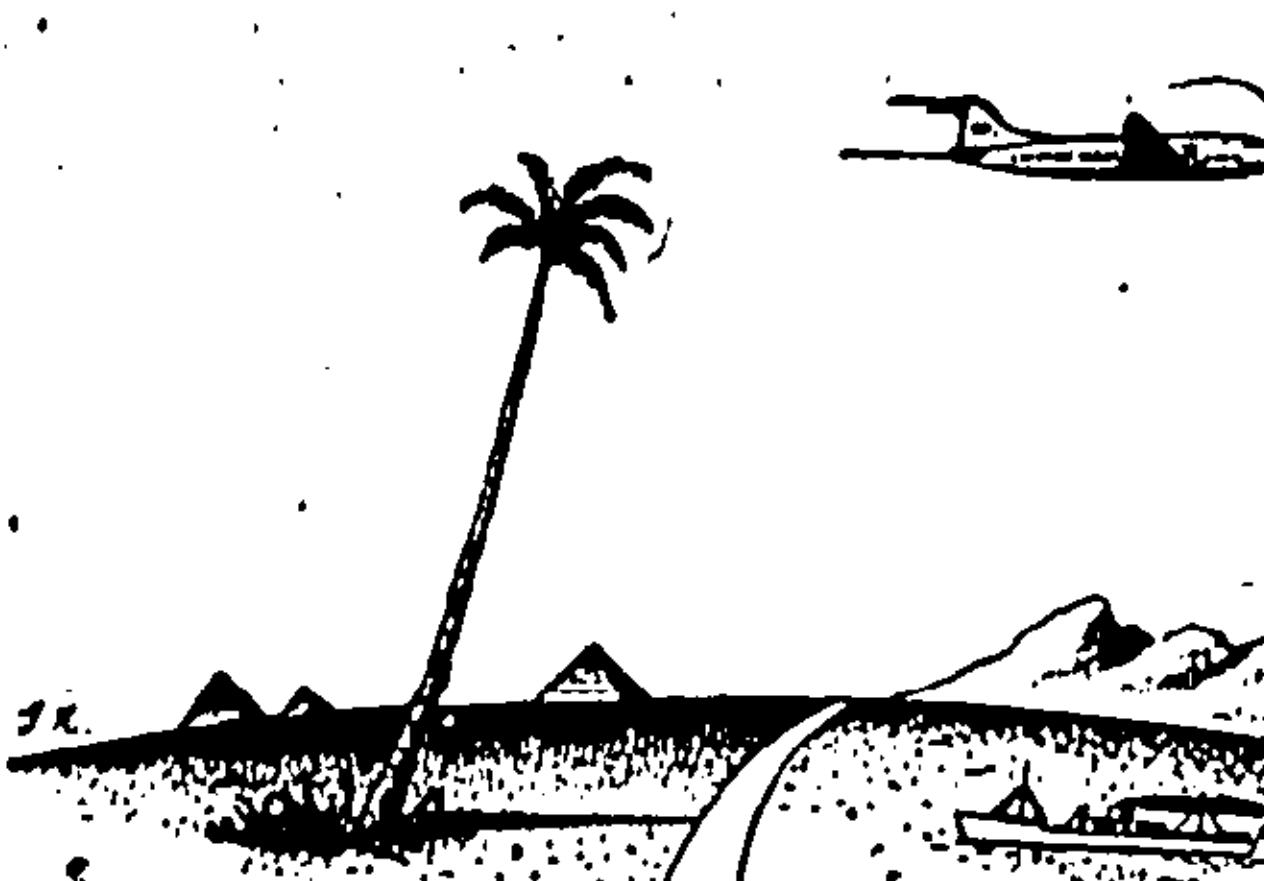
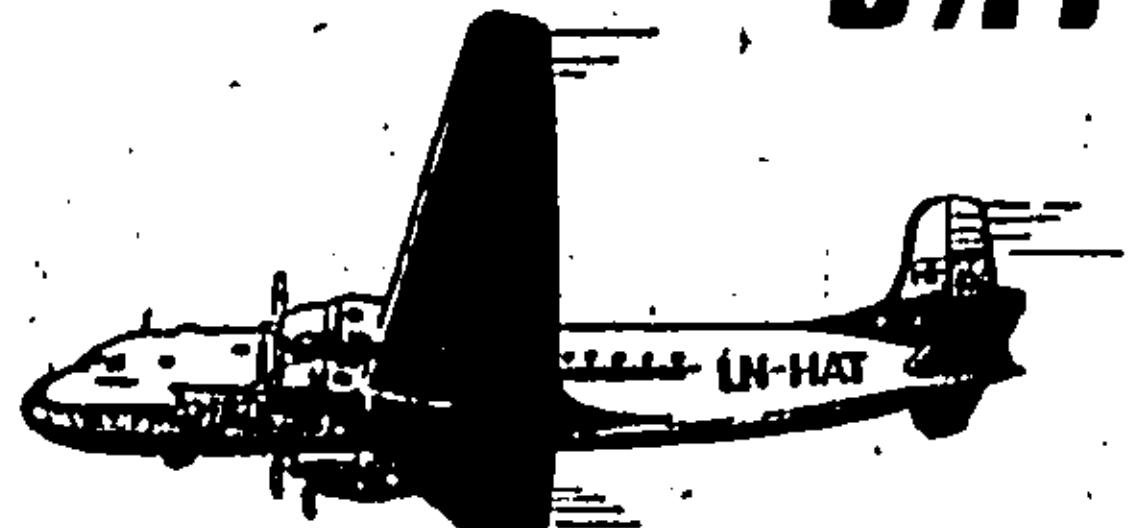
He declared that but for "outside interference," Britain could have brought the Palestine problem to a happy end.

The High Commissioner said that he believed sincerely that the Palestine problem could have been solved by the British administration in the Holy Land.

"We had behind us 25 years of solid achievement in Palestine," he said. "There is in this country a structure of extremely sound administration, and the milestones around our necks has always been security."

"What soldiers, what police, would have shown the tolerance and patience British soldiers and police have shown in the past two years?" Sir Alan asked.

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THE PERCIVAL DESPATCHES

Plain Speaking By Malaya Commander

"Too Much With Too Little"

Lt.-Gen. A. E. Percival reported tonight that he was forced to surrender Singapore in 1942, mainly because of weak British air and naval support against overpowering Japanese invaders. The day-by-day report of the bloody, 10-week battle made by the British Army commander in Malaya was published in the official London Gazette tonight, six years after the city's fall.

Percival acknowledged "glaring weakness" in arrangements for the defence of the Far Eastern bastion that was once thought invulnerable. Nevertheless, he said, the battle was won by Japanese superiority particularly in the air and on the sea. His 100,000-word despatch, written in 1946 after his release from a Japanese prison camp, is the latest official word on one of the most criticised campaigns of the Pacific war.

In it, he denies, by implication, widely published charges that top British military leaders were caught unprepared for Japanese landings in Northern Malaya and their speedy advance through the peninsula's jungles to capture Singapore.

Too Little

Percival quoted his own reports dating back to 1937 urging defence preparations in Northern Malaya. Throughout were accounts of being forced to do much with too little.

Too few troops, too little time for training troops. Too few aircraft. Too few naval vessels—especially after the sinking of the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse.

Percival's report said that British forces—United Kingdom, Australian, Indian and Malayan troops—fought gallantly. But they were poorly trained and in some cases poorly disciplined to combat jungle tactics of crack Japanese soldiers.

The grim tale of retreat after retreat down the 400-miles Malayan peninsula to Singapore disclosed what Percival called the "inevitable of semi-trained and inexperienced troops in critical situations."

Not Trained

Troops stationed in Malaya for some time before the war were well trained and a match for the Japanese, he said. But there was no time for training reinforcements who arrived just before and during the Japanese attack.

Malayan military chiefs and urged since 1937 that additional troops, aircraft and ships be sent to defend Northern Malaya from danger of invasion leading to Singapore's lightly defended landward side, Percival said.

His report added: "It seems, however, that the change in the situation was not as fully appreciated at home as it was in Malaya, or it may have been that lack of resources of manpower, material and money made it impossible to comply with the recommendations made. In any case it was not until 1940 that official approval was given to the

policy of holding the whole of Malaya."

Main Cause

"In the autumn of 1940, when it had become apparent that we were not in a position to send fleet to the Far East, the Home authorities laid down that the defence of Malaya must depend primarily on air power but that, until adequate land forces could be provided, the land forces must be strengthened. The policy of relying primarily on air power was in fact never implemented."

"In consequence of the above policy the Army dispositions were designed primarily to afford protection to the bases from which the air forces when available would operate.

"In the event, the army had to bear practically the whole weight of the Japanese attack with little air or naval support. This was the main cause of defeat."

Percival said preparation of his despatch had been influenced by publication of many accounts of the ill-fated Malayan campaign often based on fake and incomplete information."

Jap Strength

Giving his estimate of Japanese strength as opposed to British defending troops, Percival said reports that British out-numbered the Japanese were incorrect.

He estimated Japanese troops totalled 150,000 in Malaya compared with 125,000 British troops, many of whom arrived late in the campaign to replace casualties.

The Japanese, Percival said, used about 300 first line aircraft in Malaya compared to 141 British planes, most of them outdated.

The Japanese, he reported, advanced across the jungles, rivers and swamps of Northern Malaya "much more rapidly than had been thought possible."

Describing the surrender of Singapore after the week-long battle for the island, Percival said the final decision was made because the Japanese had captured the city's water reservoirs.

Last Conference

This was his account of the final staff conference at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 15, 1942:

"A discussion on the general situation followed. The danger of the water situation, particularly as it affected the Indian troops and the vast civil population, was stressed. There was also the danger of a breakthrough into the crowded town area if the Japanese delivered another determined attack. It was clear-

AS MOSCOW SEES IT

Moscow, Feb. 25. When the Allies landed in France on D-Day, they confronted only 50 or 60 German divisions of "the weakest personnel and poorly armed," the Communist newspaper, *Trud*, declared today.

The only serious resistance the Allies met throughout the campaign, *Trud* said, was Field-Marshall Rundstedt's counter-offensive in the Ardennes and that had no serious consequences because the Red Army launched a great offensive eight days earlier at the request of the Allies. Reuter.

PIRACY IN THE BALTIC?

Stockholm, Feb. 26. Suggestions of "piracy in the Baltic" have been made by Swedish newspapers following the mysterious disappearance of the crews of two small Swedish merchant ships, missing since they left Stolpemuende, a former German Baltic port now in Poland, a week ago.

The *Aftonbladet*, the biggest paper in Scandinavia, suggested the Russians might have seized the ships and taken off their crews.

The Swedish Foreign Office has instructed its embassies in Moscow and Warsaw to ascertain whether the seamen, 18 in all, have been picked up and landed at some Russian or Polish port.

The ships, Iwan and Kinnokulle, were sailing from Poland to Swedish ports.

On Monday the Kinnokulle was found abandoned near the Island of Bornholm with signs of an explosion in the engine room. Lifebelts and wreckage bearing the name of Iwan were found off Bornholm and Swedish authorities believe she foundered, possibly after hitting a mine.—Reuter.

Unanimous

"I could see no immediate solution for the critical water situation and decided to capitulate. The other members of the conference concurred unanimously with the decision."

That afternoon, the British commander was received by Lt.-Gen. Yamashita; the Japanese commander in the Ford factory north of the city and signed the surrender terms.

Percival, now 60 years old, is retired and living in Hertfordshire.—Associated Press.

Egypt Jars Council

Lake Success, Feb. 25. Egypt today warned the United Nations Security Council that the Arab world would fight every United Nations attempt to enforce partition on Palestine.

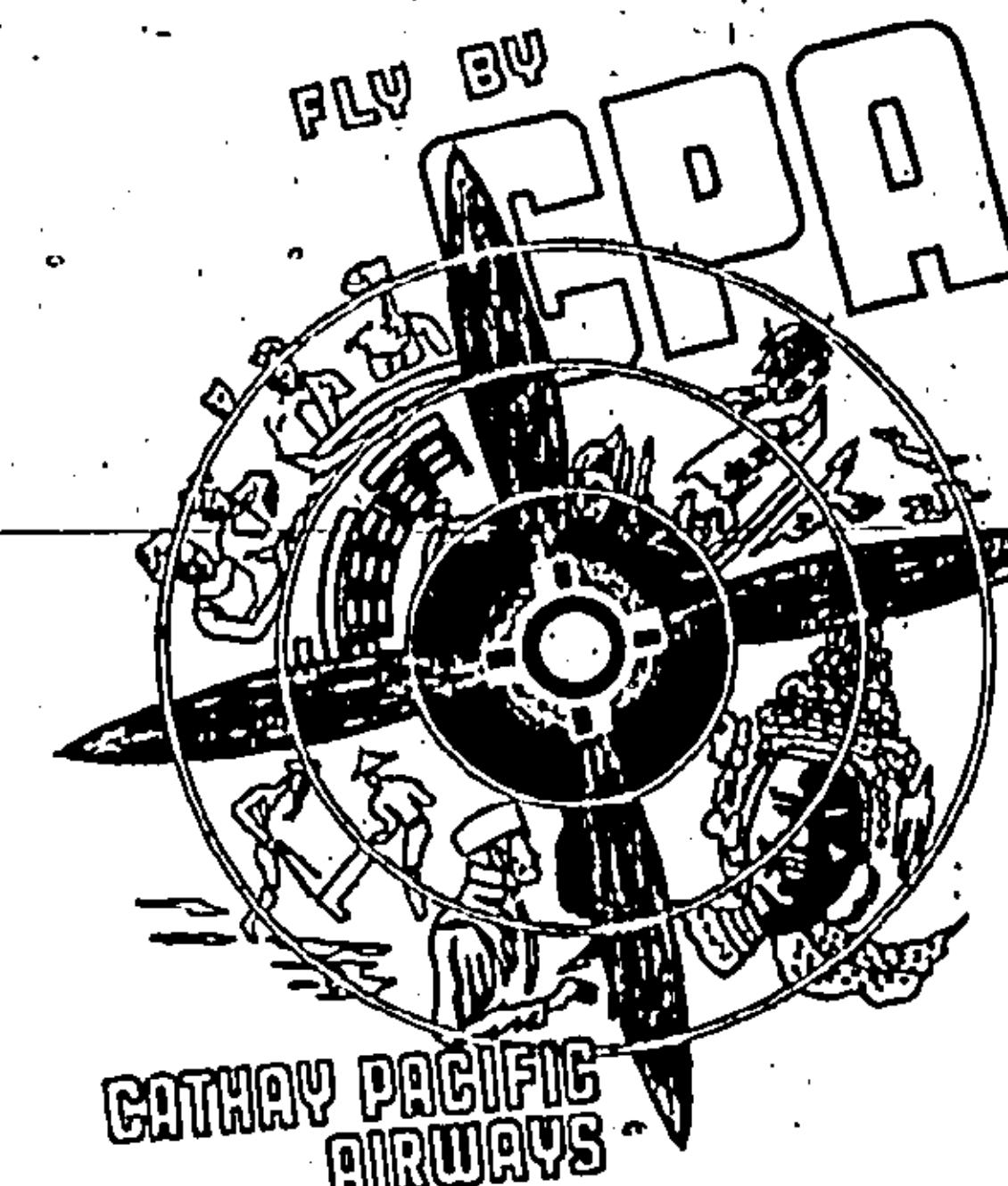
Egypt said Arabs from surrounding countries would rush to the rescue of the Palestine Arabs.

Mahmoud Bey Fawzi of Egypt said: "Persistence in implementing the Assembly resolution will head matters to certain disaster."

Mr. Fawzi spoke quietly but the hard-lasted defiance of his words jarred delegates.

He said, "The trend toward Jewish dominance in Palestine cannot continue." — United Press.

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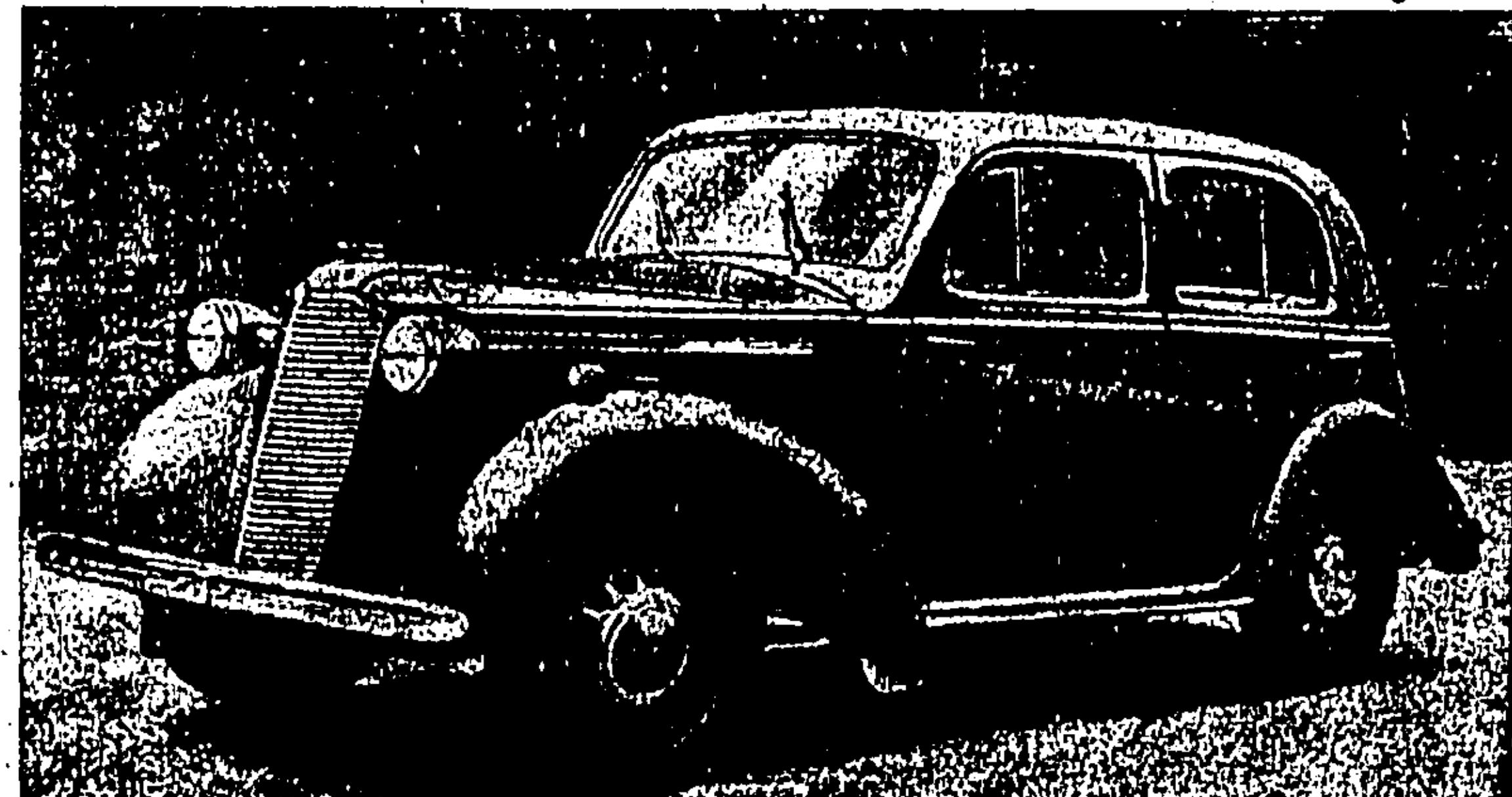
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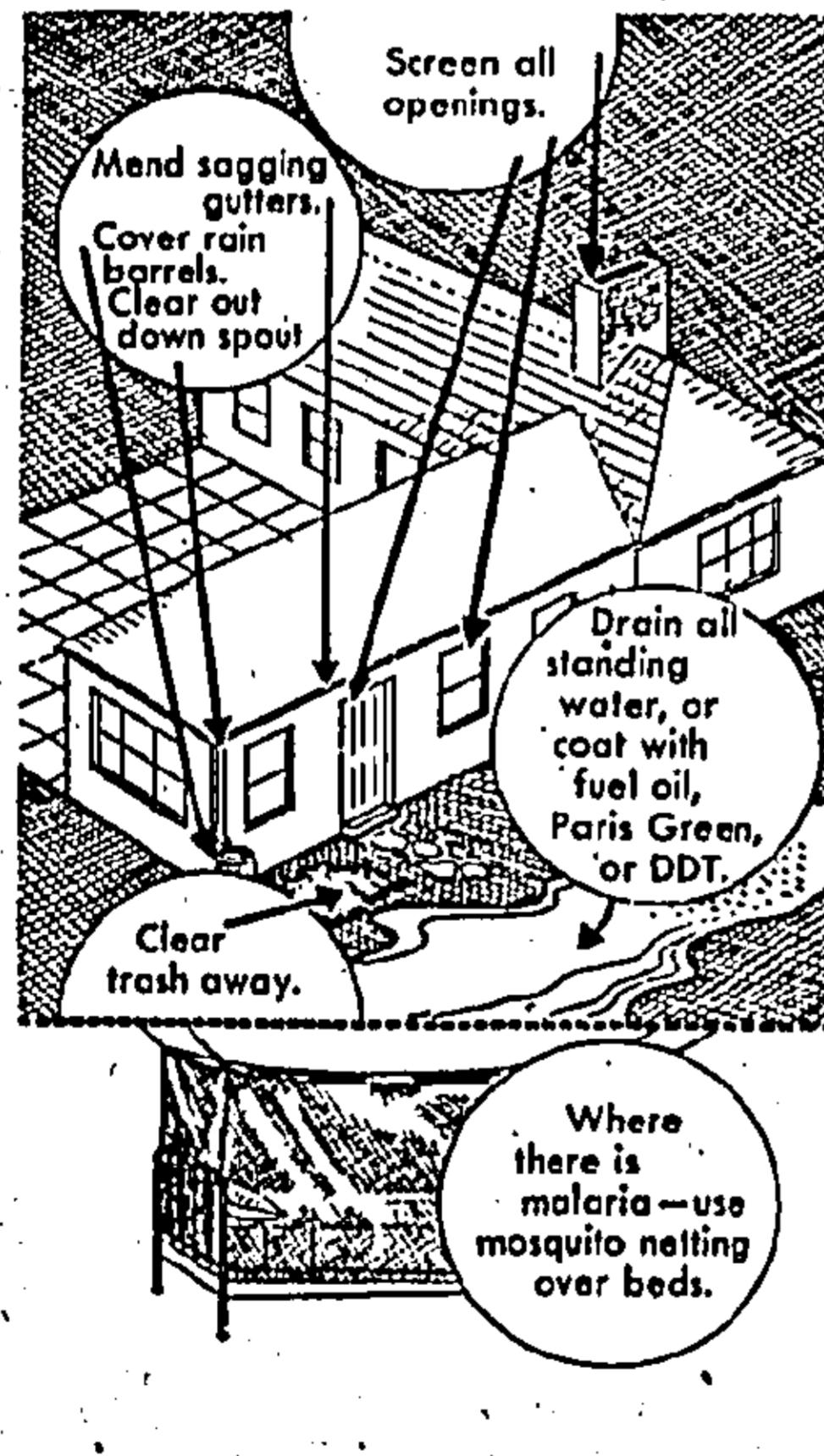
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CHINA'S HOLLYWOOD

What It Lacks In Polish It Makes Up For In Guts

China's Hollywood may lack to prop-men. If they were caught in slackening, they were accused of sabotage. And the real sabotage was going on all the time."

Most of the big names of China's wartime Hollywood have disappeared from the movie spot-light to-day. Hardly any of them have been prosecuted.

Two of China's best-known pre-war comedians, Yung and Yu — the Lauri and Hardy of China — have not appeared. In a new lecture since the end of the war, though a re-issue of one of their old ones is now being shown. They provided much of the comic relief in films produced by the Japanese.

And — to judge from the current output of Chinese films — the independence of spirit among China's movie folk has in no way been squashed.

But — as Japanese propaganda vehicles — the movies were a complete flop.

By using subtle, peculiarly Chinese gestures and figures of speech—which were meaningless to the Japanese—Chinese movie personnel ridiculed the occupation forces consistently. Few Japanese went to see Chinese movies, and those, who did usually missed the point.

"They were puzzled by the Chinese audience's sense of humour" one Shanghai distributor told the Associated Press. "They couldn't understand why certain seemingly innocent remarks brought down the house."

"During the latter part of the occupation," he added, "constant, well-camouflaged predictions of a Japanese collapse made the local Japanese lose a great deal of face."

"But," he said, "under the Japs everyone hustled—from directors

to the outright criticism of the government and its officials, and direct and indirect attacks on prevailing corruption and inefficiency among public officials."

"It's the most popular form of wit in Chinese movies to-day," he said.

"You find it in comedies and in dramas, in love stories and—naturally—in films with a political background. Throughout, there is a veiled, and sometimes not so veiled, criticism of present conditions and parodying of topical cases of corruption."

"Even movies produced by China's State-controlled studios," he added, "often cater to the prevailing public appetite for sideswiping the government."

One returned student described this as an "internal revolt" but, he added, "it performs quite an essential function. It acts as a safety valve."—Associated Press —

-- SHADOWS BEFORE --

HUE AND CRY (LEE)

Stars: Alastair Sim, Jack Warner, Valerie White and Jack Lambert.

Story: About a bunch of London boys who get caught up in an adventure which captures the thrills of youth in the popular penny "blood and thunder." Michael Balon, the producer, describes it as a film which "begg to differ" and this is an excellent description. Amusing as well as exciting.

DARK PASSAGE (LEE)

Stars: Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall.

Story: Of a hunted man, turned hunter, in a desperate attempt to solve the mystery of his wife's murder. The accent throughout is on action and it moves at a tense pace from its beginning to an unusual denouement. Lauren discards her

shy type of role for that of a sincere young woman and it gives her an opportunity of which she makes full avail. Agnes Moorehead, cast mistress of the menacing type of character, also does an excellent job.

NEW ORLEANS (LEE)

Stars: Arturo de Cordova and Dorothy Patrick.

Story: Not frighteningly important as its chief purpose is to keep the film moving to permit of some first-class jazz. It covers the evolution of jazz from its origins in New Orleans back in the days of the first World War to the more sophisticated extravagances of today, not to mention boogie-woogie. Irene Rich appears in a film for the first time for good entertainment value.

MOTHER WORE TIGHTS (KING'S)

Stars: Betty Grable, and Dan Dailey.

Story: None of that corny, tearful stuff of boy-maries-girl, boy strays, girl weeps, boy leaves, accidental



SIR MICHAEL BALON, of the J. Arthur Rank Organisation, who had the honour of knight bachelor conferred on him in the King's New Year honours list. Sir Michael is producer of "Hue and Cry" shortly to be shown in Hong Kong.

meeting, re-union in final flood of laughter and tears. It's a show business theme, with Betty as a stage-struck high school student, who ultimately runs into a comedian-dancer, teams up with him and settles down to have a family. It contains some spectacular dance sequences, while Dailey establishes himself as one of the most versatile new actors in years. Amusing, sometimes hilarious, this is a three-star film.

THE END OF THE RIVER (KING'S)

Stars: Sabu and Bibi Ferreira.

Story: Against a Brazilian background, and filmed in Brazil, it follows in its early sequences the life of a people hardly known. The main theme is of a native thrown into the complex world of white man's civilisation, and finding that the two world cannot be reconciled. Bibi Ferreira is quite a discovery. "The End of the River" is in the real tradition of British films, supreme in the sphere of reality.



All the moments in the thriller now showing at the King's are clearly not blood-thirsty. Above are the three and William Bendix.

Current Shows

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CALCUTTA (King's). Alan Ladd, Gail Russell, and William Bendix. A crime thriller concerned with Over The Hump pilots, and a girl, Bendix produces the fight relief.

THE MAN WITHIN (Cathay). Michael Redgrave and Jean Kent. A British film in the best style.

EASY TO WED (Majestic). Van Johnson and Esther Williams, which for the fans, says all that need be said.

MRS. MINIVER (Star). Walter Pidgeon and Greer Garson. One of the outstanding war films, magnificently played.

SEND FOR PAUL TEMPLE (Alhambra). Anthony Hulme and Joy Shelton. A crime thriller.

THE TIGER WOMAN (Central). The first episode of a serial.

THREE LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE (Oriental). A crime thriller.



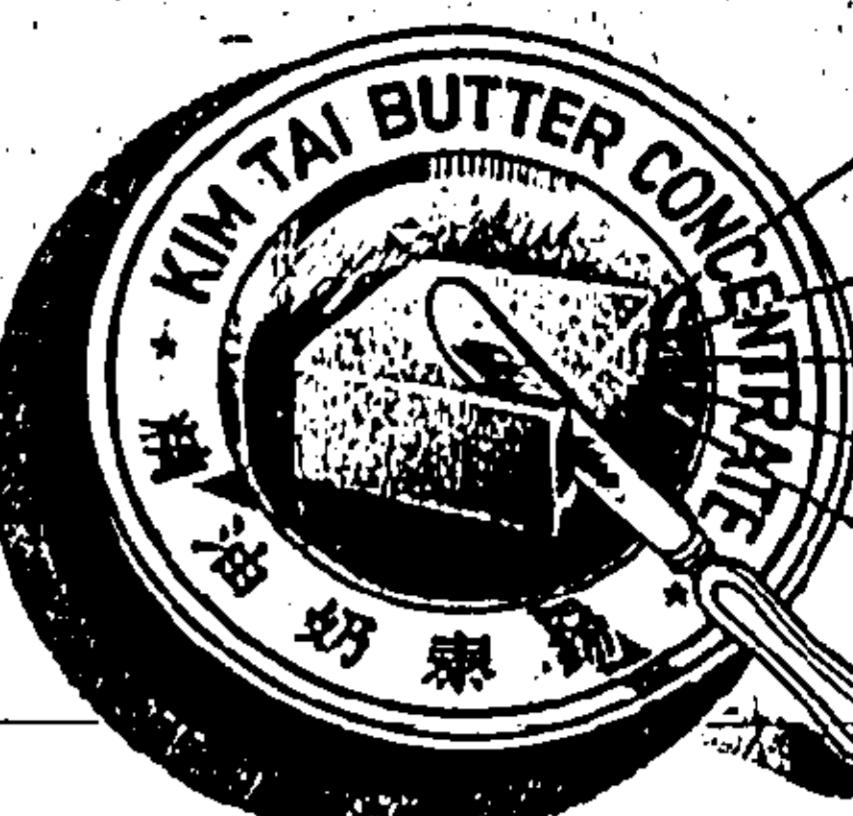
Queen of the Bathing Beauties, Paulette Goddard, takes a bubble bath in Variety Girl, which is now showing at the Queen's.

Hollywood Tips

Johnny Weissmuller, who has been "Tarzan" for 15 years, is making his 12th appearance in that role in "Tarzan and the Mermaids," for RKO Radio release.

Leo Genn, who plays opposite Rosalind Russell in "The Velvet Touch," was a prosecutor of the German concentration camp atrocities.

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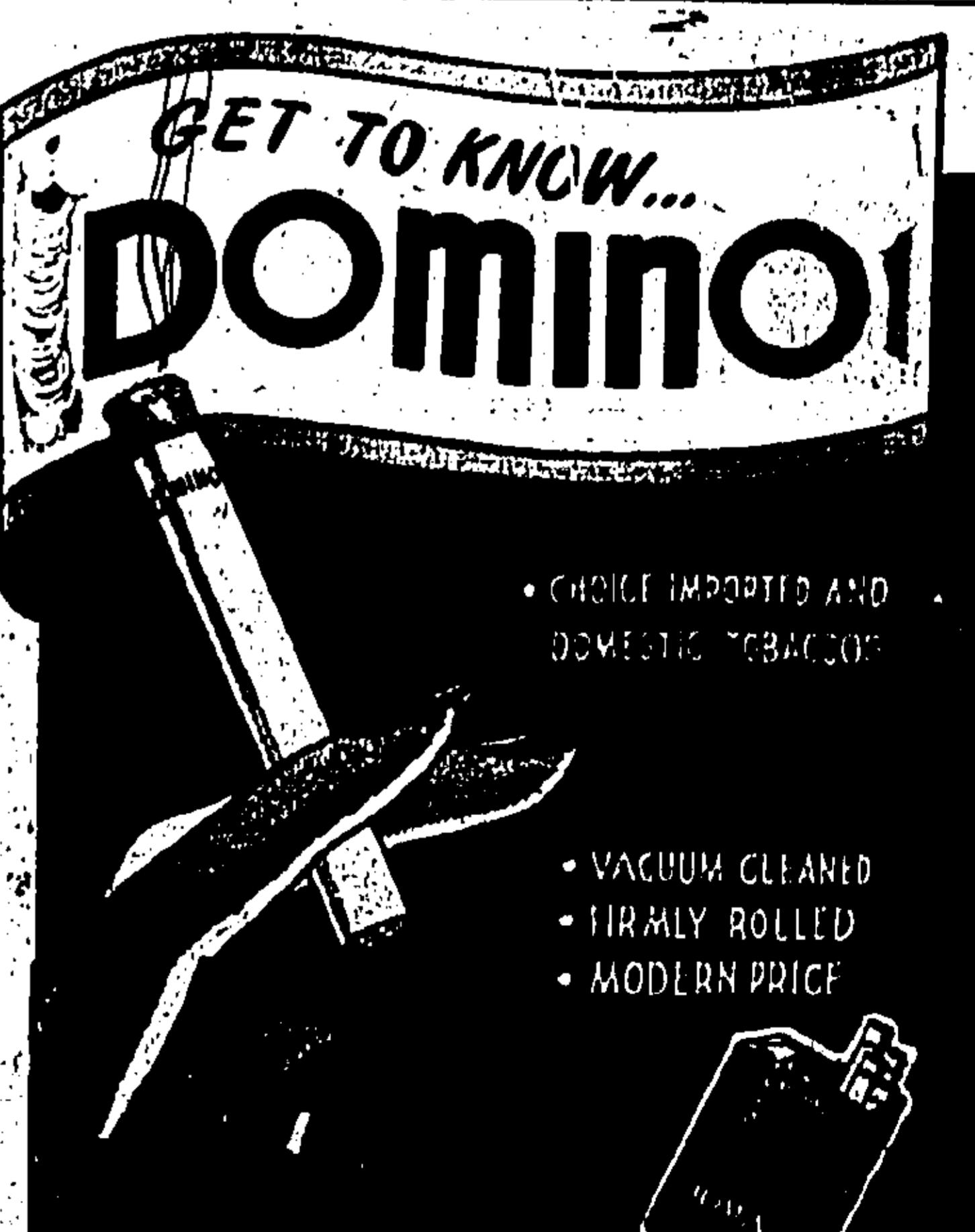
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CZECH COMMUNISTS WIN

New Cabinet Formed: Reds Get 12 Posts

Demonstration Of Force

Prague, Feb. 25. The formation of a new Czechoslovak Government, which includes trade union representation, a priest and a woman, was announced tonight—the sixth day in the Czechoslovak governmental crisis.

The announcement was greeted by vast crowds in Wenceslas Square. There was a holiday atmosphere, Czech and Red flags were displayed and there were shouts of "Long Live Benes" and "Long Live the Action Committees."

But at the same time, strong patrols of armed troops, with rifles, machine guns and pouches bulging with ammunition, moved slowly through the crowds—an underlying demonstration of force.

While the crowds grew, Prague Radio announced the new Cabinet presented to the President of the Czechoslovak Republic, Dr. Eduard Benes, headed by the Premier, M. Klement Gottwald (Communist).

The new Cabinet consists of 24 members of all parties and was approved by the President tonight.

The list is:

Prime Minister—M. Klement Gottwald, Communist.
Deputy Premier—M. William Sirok, Chairman of the

STUDENTS FIRED ON

Bad Nauheim, Feb. 25. Czech police in Prague fired on a group of non-Communist students when they tried to march to the Presidential Palace this afternoon. DENA, the German news agency, quoted a report from Prague tonight, killing two and wounding four.

The report added that the Rector and Dean of the Charles University were denied entry into the university by an "Action Committee."—Reuter.

Communist Party of Slovakia, M. Bohumil Laušman, Chairman of the Social Democratic Party, and M. Antonín Zapotocký, Chairman of the Czech Trade Union Congress.

Foreign Minister—M. Jan Masaryk, Non-Party.

Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs: M. Vladimír Clementis (Communist) — no change.

National Defence—General Ludvík Svoboda (Non-Party) — no change.

Secretary of State in the Ministry of National Defence—Dr. Jan Ševecík, (Slovak Democrat), former Deputy Speaker in the Czechoslovak Parliament—new appointment.

Foreign Trade—Dr. Antonín Gregor (Communist)—apt.

Interior—M. Václav Nosek (Communist)—no change.

Finance—Dr. Jaromír Dolanský (Communist)—no change.

Popular Education—Dr. Zdeněk Nejedlý (Communist), former Minister of Social Welfare.

Justice—Dr. Alexej Čepička (Communist), former Minister of Home Trade.

Industry—M. Zdeněk Fierlinger (Social Democrat)—new appointment.

Infantry—M. Václav Kopecký (Communist) — no change.

Agriculture—M. Julius Žurka (Communist)—no change.

Internal Trade—M. František Krajcík (Communist), former Chairman of the Central Chamber of Commerce.

Transport—Alfréd Petřík (People's Party—Catholics), former Deputy Speaker—new appointment.

Social Welfare—M. Evžen Erhan (Social Democrat)—Secretary General of the Trade Union Movement—new appointment.

Technical Planning—Professor Emanuel Šlechta (National Socialist), a member of the Central Planning Commission—new appointment.

Posts—Dr. Alois Neumann (National Socialist)—new appointment.

Social Welfare—M. Evžen Erhan (Social Democrat)—Secretary General of the Trade Union Movement—new appointment.

Health—M. Josef Plojhar (People's Party)—a Roman Catholic priest—new appointment.

Supply—Madame Ludmilla Janovská (Social Democrat), formerly Minister of Industry.

Hong Kong Siege

Ottawa, Feb. 25. A motion for the publication of a "paraphrased" copy of the Royal Commission evidence on Canada's role in the defence of Hong Kong was adopted by the Canadian House of Commons last night. The motion for tabling the evidence was made by Mr. John Bracken, the Progressive Conservative Leader.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, had told the House that Britain did not object to publication, providing code messages were paraphrased.—Reuter.

SECRET AGREEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Washington, Feb. 26. The political upheaval in Czechoslovakia may blow the lid on secret documents explaining Soviet-American wartime arrangements for liberating that nation.

Trouble On The Way?

Washington, Feb. 26. Diplomatic quarters predicted today that the Communist sweep in Czechoslovakia will be followed soon by new Soviet-inspired trouble in France and Italy.

The Moscow timetable was believed to call for increased pressure in Greece, Turkey, Finland and Iran.

Fresh efforts to saddle Communist regimes on France and Italy have been anticipated here since the early winter attempts failed.

The Communists are expected to let loose with new demonstrations and strikes next month.

Some diplomats also are beginning to believe that Russia may attempt to incorporate some Eastern European nations into the Soviet Union. This would wipe out some present national boundaries to move Russia's frontiers further west in effect as well as in practice.

"We are grateful to President Benes today that he has respected the will and the desire of the people even in things which he personally found very difficult to accept."

"Reaction, which has planned a decisive blow against our popular democratic order, has been smashed and defeated. The firm determination of our people has been primarily responsible for its defeat."

Earlier in the afternoon, lorries brought load after load of orderly workers from factories, Ministries and other centres, to the Square where they awaited the official announcement.

Order To Workers

Above the hubbub of the crowds, as they waited for the Prime Minister, blaring loudspeakers interspersed musical items with exhortations to the people to buy special editions of the Communist Party organ, "Rude Pravo."

As Prague awaited the new Government, the newly-formed Action Committees were getting into their stride.

Today, factories were working under a new order by which workers opposing the new regime could be dismissed with no right of appeal.

In a letter made public today, President Benes reaffirmed the stand on the principles of Parliament democracy, appealed for conciliation and a certain measure of freedom and concord, and named M. Gottwald, in Czechoslovakia's political crisis.

The fugitives crossed the border at Waldhaus, near Passau in south-eastern Germany.—Associated Press.

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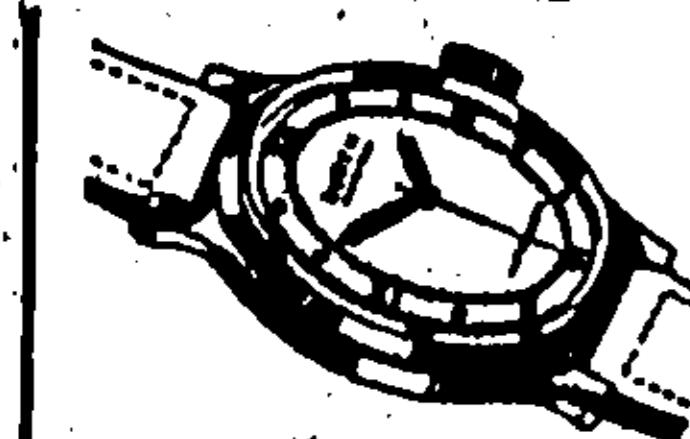
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Trainer Fails To Establish Case

Lord Chief Justice Goddard ruled in the High Court here today that James Russell, the racehorse trainer, had failed to establish his case that he had been libelled by the Jockey Club.

Russell claimed damages from the Club for an alleged breach of contract and for alleged libel in the Racing Calendar.

Joe Louis In London

London, Feb. 25. The world heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Louis, today paid his first visit to Earl's Court, London, where he will be giving exhibition bouts during the next fortnight.

He said that his June fight with Jersey Joe Walcott will definitely be his last. When reminded that he had said the same thing before, he smilingly suggested that a man could change his mind once if a woman could change hers several times, but, joking apart, his fight with Walcott would definitely be his last.

Louis hopes to meet many friends he made when he last came to England—at the time bombs were falling on the country—and said that he would like to have played golf at St. Andrews but had given up the game until after his fight with Walcott.

Louis confessed that his hardest fight was his first against Billy Conn.—Reuter.

Inquest On James Sharpe

Durham, Feb. 25. A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded at Spinkinmoor in the inquest of James Sharpe, 23, of Dumfries, a professional footballer, who collapsed while playing in a match on New Year's Day, and died shortly afterwards.

He was half-back with the Workington Football Club, members of the Northern League. Sharpe collapsed when he was not near the ball or any other player. There was no question that he had been fouled. The post-mortem showed an internal injury received accidentally during the match. Death was due to shock.—Reuter.

Artificial Blood Plasma Made In Britain

London, Feb. 26. British scientists reported today that artificial blood plasma made from micro organism, which turns sugar slimy, was being used successfully in experimental blood transfusions both in the United States and Europe.

FIXTURES

The following are the fixtures for this week of the School Football League:

SUNDAY
SENIOR
La Salle v Ying Wah (Police, 10.30 a.m.) Referee: Willis or Brogan. Queen's College v D.B.S. (Caroline Hill, 10.30 a.m.) Referee: Chan Tak-fai.

JUNIOR
Ying Wah v Yaumati (Caroline Hill, 10.30 a.m.) Referee: Chan Tak-fai.

D.B.S. v La Salle (Police, 11.30 a.m.) Referee: Brogan or Ward.

Anglo-Chinese v St. St. St. St. (Navy 1, 11.30 a.m.) Referee: Tseung Kiang-hong.

Anglo-Chinese v G.V.M.S. (Navy 1, 11.30 a.m.) Referee: Tang Kao.

Ellis Kadoorie P.M. v Watson P.M. (Navy 2, 10.30 a.m.) Referee: Au Young-keung.

Northcote College v Wah Yan (Navy 2, 11.30 a.m.) Referee: Leung Ying-chun.

NAVY v. HO LAND FORCES

An interesting match should be witnessed at Causeway Bay on Sunday afternoon, when the Navy meet H.Q. Land Forces in a league match. The kick-off is at 2.30 p.m.

H.Q. Land Forces will be represented by: Wybourn, Usherwood, Ackworth, Bennett, Brown, Hamblett, Baubli, Harrison, Tidmarsh, Wright and Rogers.

London, Feb. 25. In a British United County match to-day, Buxtonshire, playing at home, lost to Surrey by 22 points to 34.—Reuter.

Manila Lose Like Sportsmen

Manila, Feb. 26. "Chito" Calvo, Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation representative, coach and manager of the Manila Interport football team, recently visiting Hong Kong, interviewed by Reuter today, said:

"We had a wonderful reception. The boys over there could not do enough for us. The games were good but our boys were not so good as their opponents. We wish we could have stayed longer."—Reuter.

H.K. Team To Play Saigon

At a meeting of the Interport committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night, the team to represent Hong Kong against Saigon was selected.

It was stated that the Hong Kong team would leave Hong Kong for Saigon on March 27 and return on April 1. Three matches will be played there.

Interport team is:—Leek, Hau Chung-sung, B. Gosano, Lam Chung-sung, Farrow, Chung Kam, Ho Ying-fan, Chau Man-chi, Ting Yee-kit, Klerman, Lee Shek-yun, Teo Kam-hung, and Chui Wing-keung, Yu Yiu-tak and Parvin.

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Badminton Results

The result of the postponed badminton match between St. John's and Chinese Sanitary Inspectors, played on Saturday last was that St. John's beat Chinese Sanitary Inspectors 5-4.

Results of the Men's Double-league matches played on Monday were:

Kowloon Duck lost to Chinese Sanitary Inspectors 5-4.

St. Teresa's "A" lost to University 1-5.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat Kowloon Tong 5-4.

St. John's lost to Recreio "A" 1-5.

K.C.C. "A" beat St. Mary's 6-0.

Recreio "B" beat St. Teresa's 9-1.

The match between Chung Wah and Sing Tao was postponed.

Results of the Men's Double-league matches played on Wednesday were:

St. Mary's lost to Chinese Sanitary Inspectors 5-4.

Sing Tao beat St. John's 9-1.

V.R.C. beat Kowloon Duck 6-3.

St. Teresa's "A" beat K.C.C. "B" 7-2.

K.C.C. "A" beat Chung Wah 6-3.

The matches between University "B" and University "A", Recreio "B", and Chinese Y.M.C.A. were postponed.

TEAMS

The following team will represent Jardine's in an Inter-Hong cricket match against Dowdell's on Sunday, at 11 a.m.:

N. C. Begley, C. C. Blott, N. J. Booker, J. O. Hall, W. A. Hoo, M. P. Keves, J. D. Mackie, D. S. Middle-ditch, G. M. Mills, R. E. Shea and A. S. Siemalof.

Twelfth man: A. N. Other.

Umpire: Mr. Arnold Graham.

Scorer: Master David Sibthorpe.

Ground: Hong Kong Cricket Club.

The British medical authority said the plasma may relieve the need on blood donors.

Professor Maurice Stacey, Sir Norman's chief associate, said the solution was already used in transfusions in the United States famed Mayo Clinic.

Prof. Stacey said that "preliminary reports from American indicate that the first results were very promising."

He said the solution was also being tested in London's Lister Institute.

It was understood that the institute was also using the artificial plasma in transfusions but a spokesman said no statement could be made until the tests are completed in nine to 12 months hence.—United Press.

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LONDON GOES CONTINENTAL

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The London County Council last night approved the sale of wine and beer in its parks and open spaces.—Reuter.

ARABS LAUNCH CONVOY WAR ON JEWS

Jerusalem, Feb. 25. Thousands of armed Arabs throughout Palestine have launched a "convoy war" on Jewish communications and supplies.

This development followed reports reaching Jerusalem of heavy reinforcements of trained Arabs crossing the Palestine frontier from Syria and Transjordan.

Road mines have been planted on many of the country's roads to blast and halt the armour-plated convoy cars in prepared ambush positions, while the use of mines and mortars is seriously reducing the protection from such armour.

One hundred Arab lorries carrying nearly 900 men, arms and equipment, secretly crossed the border into Palestine during the night.

These "reinforcements" were well-armed and fully equipped men; who brought with them machine-guns, mortars and explosives, an Arab source said.

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Five police armoured cars rushed up, experts immediately searched the building for explosives, and the fire brigade stood by as smoke from oil bombs billowed out.

Franciscan nuns occupying the former Italian Consulate, which is adjacent to the military court, were hastily evacuated.

The nuns, shepherded by a bearded priest carrying sacred relics, fled past the body of the dead Arab sentry, which was sprawled across the entrance to the court building.

The main aerial at the Cable and Wireless transmission station at Alamein camp, on the Bethlehem road, Jerusalem, was shot down during an Arab-Jewish gun battle.—Reuter.

Work has been going on for the past few months, to bring the line back into operation.

The service to the Faifan Exchange is not expected to be completed until the end of the year.

A number of applications from

would-be subscribers are on the waiting list. The number of sub-

scribers pre-war was some 150.

THE JAPANESE SIDE OF THE PICTURE

(Continued from Page 1)

Yamashita's force was "self-contained"—presumably able to attack and protect itself against attack simultaneously.

It had little need for defences. The sinking of the "Repulse" and "Prince of Wales" guaranteed Japanese sea flanks. Japanese jungle tactics and hundreds of amphibious landings along Malaya disorganized the defenders on the peninsula itself.

The Japanese shielded their land operations and amphibious landings with a umbrella composed of three Army Air Brigades and two additional Air Regiments dumped into the Third Air Division commanded by Lieutenant-General Michio Sugawara.

This force had 670 aircraft, including 150 heavy (presumably two-engine) bombers.

Heavy Losses

The air component suffered heavy losses. The Japanese said that by the time Singapore fell they had lost 331 aeroplanes.

Tokyo supplied 270 replacement aircraft plus pilots. The Japanese could not indicate how most of the planes were lost but anti-aircraft fire and British fighters presumably accounted for them.

The fall of Singapore occa-

sioned a monster celebration throughout Japan, including a public appearance by Emperor Hirohito and his furred white horse. A national holiday was proclaimed for a few days after Yamashita accepted the British surrender.

The Japanese had no com-

mand to make on the British defences but the date of Singa-

ore's fall proved the Japanese had trouble taking it. The Japanese strove mightily to capture Singapore by February 11—Japan's national foundation-day.

Meantime, three planes struck at Repulse, one scoring a hit amidships. Torpedoes struck her abreast the gun room on Club ground at 2.30 p.m.

MacDonald, or Brown, Gowan and Hussain, Rumball, Xavier and Manson, Xavier, Parfitt, Leonard, Gomes and O'Farrell.

Reserves—M. Noronha, R. Rocha,

G. Soares and J. Ferreira.

"ACHTUNG"

Washington, Feb. 25.

Two men were fined \$100 each today for putting signs reading "Murdering" and "Beheading" on the walls of the Russian Embassy here last summer.—Associated Press.

SECRET WEAPONS FOR BRITAIN

London, Feb. 26.

The British Army has "secret weapons" in the planning stage. Emanuel Shmueli, Secretary of War, disclosed today.

Associated Press.

Trade Figures

The Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department reports the imports of merchandise into the Colony of Hong Kong during the month of January, 1948 amounted to a declared value of \$140,765,107 as compared with \$105,406,209 in the month of January, 1947.

The figures include Government sponsored cargoes. Exports of merchandise totalled a declared value of \$113,310,392 as compared with \$102,519,823.

Peril was close, the Foreign Minister said. France would not accept or resign herself to a Europe which had reduced itself to 16 states (the 16 Western European nations taking part in the Marshall plan).

"It is the smallest Europe we have ever seen," he added.

France was committed to a path from which there was no retreat, M. Bidault declared. Because Europe was growing so small, there was greater need for understanding among the nations of Europe.

"There is still time to save the situation by returning to international cooperation, by closing the gap which has divided the peoples of the world," he went on.

The French Foreign Minister appealed to the European nations to display "calm and moderation" in dealing with the present international situation.